

the indications of defects detected by the comparator and the rate of scanner performance deterioration are indications of the health of image processing portions and scanner devices of the system."

REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 9 - 11 and 13 - 21 remain in this application.

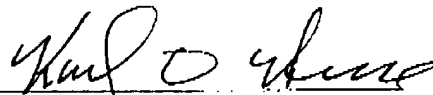
Claims 15-21 were allowed in the Office Action dated August 11, 2005. Claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 9-11, 13 and 14 were objected to as depending from a rejected claim.

Claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 9 - 11 and 13 - 21 were allowed in the Office Action dated February 10, 2006.

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